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Comments: Today's best available climate science unquestionably demonstrates the incredible importance of mature & old-growth forests for mitigating climate change. These old growth forests act as vital carbon sinks. They help to absorb and store huge amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. By acknowledging this science, the USFS should align its practices with broader conservation objectives and contribute meaningfully to climate action efforts.

As part of the NEPA process, it's essential to voice my opposition to the Forest Service's indiscriminate cutting of older forests driven by short-sighted & volume-based timber targets. These older forests are absolutely essential for biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and habitat preservation.